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By: **Chairman, Ways and Means Committee (By Request - Departmental -  
Higher Education Commission)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Community Colleges - Tuition Waiver for Certain**  
3 **Students**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for obtaining an exemption from the  
5 payment of tuition at community colleges for certain individuals; and generally  
6 relating to tuition waivers for certain students at community colleges.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Education  
9 Section 16-106(c)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Education**

15 16-106.

16 (c) (1) Any resident of this State who is retired from the work force by  
17 reason of total and permanent disability who enrolls at a community college in a class  
18 that has at least 10 regularly enrolled students:

19 (i) Is exempt from payment of tuition; and

20 (ii) Shall be counted in computing full-time equivalent enrollment  
21 under § 16-305 of this title.

22 (2) In order to receive this exemption, an individual shall obtain  
23 certification from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement  
24 Board that the individual receives disability [and] OR retirement benefits under the  
25 Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act.

1           (3)       In order to obtain this exemption, an individual who was a federal  
2 employee and who does not receive disability [and] OR retirement benefits under the  
3 Social Security Act or the Railroad Retirement Act shall obtain certification from the  
4 individual's federal retirement or pension authority of the employee's:

5                   (i)       Total and permanent disability; and

6                   (ii)       Receipt of disability benefits based on a standard that is at least  
7 as stringent as the standard applied by the Social Security Act.

8       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 July 1, 2004.